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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Los Altos Emergency Operations Center

Project Applicant: City of Los Altos

Project Location – Address: 97 Hillview Avenue

Project Location – City: Los Altos, CA 94022

Project Location – County: Santa Clara County

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Los Altos

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Los Altos

Lead Agency Contact Person: James Sandoval

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Description of Project: The City of Los Altos (City) proposes to incorporate a code compliant Emergency Operations Center (EOC) into the existing Los Altos Community Center, which is located at 97 Hillview Avenue in the City of Los Altos. The community center consists of a one-story building with twelve multipurpose/meeting rooms, a lobby, hallway, courtyard, restrooms, and a surface parking lot. The proposed project would 1) install radio equipment, antennas, and a satellite dish; 2) replace existing HVAC system equipment with a new system equipped with more robust filters and connections to emergency power system; and 3) construct a small enclosure adjacent to the Bus Barn Theater to house a diesel emergency back-up generator. Following construction of the EOC, operation of the center would be limited to essential city functions during emergencies and natural disasters. No trees would be removed by the project.

Exempt Status: One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed project:

Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alterations to a public facility involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

Class 2 - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

Class 3 – Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

Class 4 - Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Class 11 - Section 15311. Accessory Structures: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities including on-premise signs.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: Construction and operation of the Los Altos Community Center EOC meets the criteria for a Class 1 Existing Facilities exemption and other exemptions (e.g., Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). None of the exceptions to the exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Per section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined the project is not located on a hazardous waste site included on list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code and would not result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway, affect a historic resource, impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: James Sandoval, Director Public Works

Date: February 22, 2023

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Jim Sandoval

Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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